

DOE arts newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

MLTI ARTS, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY INSTITUTE

On April 6th and 7th 250 educators will converge on the Samoset to attend workshops on integrated arts topics. Registration is closed but to learn more, please go to www.mainelearns.org/

Watch for follow-up information.

CONGRATULATIONS

K-6 Music teach Diana Waterman from Alfred Elementary School has been nominated for the 2009 Maine Teacher of the Year. Good luck and have fun with the TOY process.



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I worry about the people who don't embrace the arts. It is the fiber of our culture.

Mike Huckabee

DANCE OPPORTUNITIES

*The New England Dance Project, March 29th, 7:30, City Theater, Biddeford, tickets:\$15. "Persistence of Vision". Music, movement and playful collaboration. For more info: www.newenglanddanceproject.com call 282-0849 for tickets.

*Honey Rockwell, March 28th, 12-1:30, teacher/professional development workshop. For more information: www.fullcircledancestudio.com or call 729-FULL(3855).

*Loopin' Spring Dance Party, March 29th, 8:00, Space Gallery, Portland, tickets: \$10.

*Ronald K. Brown Master Class with Arcell Carbuag for intermediate dancers. April 9th, 11-12:30 PM, Portland Arts and Technology High School dance studio. For registration: h_t_t_p://pcagreatperformances.org/2007-08/rkb/

*Dancing Around the World, April 1st, 6:30-10, Hallowell City Hall, all ages.

ART OPPORTUNITY

Square Word in Silver Jewelry with Lynda McCann-Olson, April 5th, 12-4, \$95, North Yarmouth Memorial School. For more info: 829-2208 sdavis@cumberlandmaine.com

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

USM School of Music summer classes: Curriculum Development and Assessment, High School Choral Repertoire and Techniques. For more info: kaschub@usm.maine.edu

AUDITION

Mildred's Chorus", comedy in the midcoast. For more Info: Art Mayers, 563-2816 or email arthur.mayers@gmail.com

ART EXHIBITS

*Art in the Heart, Bangor Mall, 64 schools with work from hundreds of students, until March 30th.

*Leavitt Area High School, Turner, Arts Gala Week culminating in an open house, March 27th, 6-9:00, Visual Arts exhibit, Music and Theater performances.

*First Festival: Augusta Schools Celebrate Children's Art, K-12, Cony High School, April 11th, 5-7:30 including Art displays, Music, Dance and Theater performances.

FOR SALE

Yamaha Xeno trumpet. Contact Allen Graffam graffama@link75.org

SAATCHI GALLERY

Over 1500 schools from the US and UK are taking part in an online Portfolio where teachers can upload student work at no cost. To learn more: www.saatchigallery.com/portfolio

GRANT

Maine Arts Commission's Arts in Education funding: SMART Schools Make Art Relevant Today. Deadline: May 23rd, Funding: \$5,000-10,000. Info: <http://mainearts.maine.gov/organizations/education/EducationInTheCommunity.shtml>

WORKSHOP

OPPORTUNITIES

VSA arts of Maine and Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport present a workshop for special educators called: "Sowing the Seeds of Art". Included in the session CMCA's "Fear No Art" program. For more info: call Cathy Melio 236-2875 or email or cmelio@cmcanow.org

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

*UMA Music, jazz workshop (1-3) and concert (7:30) by vocalist Sheila Jordan, April 10th, free. To plan contact: richardn@maine.edu or call 621-3214.

*Six week African drumming classes starting April 2nd, \$130., Quaker Meeting House, Portland. To register: annegret@maine.rr.com or call 871-8859.

*Music scholarships for students ages 17-25, May 15th. For more info contact Sally Merrill, 829-5594.

*The Bangor Project, 9-3:00, April 20-25th. For aspiring teenage artists to work in small collaborative groups with professional artists to created about the history and present community of Bangor. For more info email abigail.stiers@umit.maine.edu

INTERESTING ARTICLES

*"Creative Play Makes for Kids in Control" I <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=76838288>

*Groundbreaking report: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/30/groundbreaking_report.rtf

WEBSITES

*Tom Chapin singing
www.notonthetest.com

*A brain scientist has the opportunity to study the brain from the inside out when she has a stroke at age 37. Take 20 min. and watch and listen to this: www.ted.com/talks/view/id/229

LANGUAGE OP

Interested in hiring a Spanish language teacher from Spain for the 2008-09 school year? Learn more at: www.maine.gov/education/lres/language/index.html.

ED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Assistant Principal Certificate program, beginning Fall 2008. USM offered, Rockland, University College www.learn.maine.edu/rockland

"SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR"- MARCH ISSUE

The March issue of "The School Administrator" is dedicated to the arts. To read the issue to and share with others go to <http://www.aasa.org/>

NEWSLETTER

WHOoo HooOo.... 643 educators have received this newsletter, an increase of 7. Others can receive it, just email argy.nestor@maine.gov

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RUTH'S REUSABLE RESOURCES

I recently enjoyed my first visit to Ruth's, located in Westbrook. I had envisioned what the store looked like but it surpassed my imagination. Over 400 businesses and industries have provided their excess materials and supplies to Ruth for almost 14 years. Everywhere I looked there were shelves and containers filled with a wide variety of materials and supplies. Items from Ruth's have benefited over 70,000 students and 7,500 teachers. A small amount of money purchases a membership for schools or entire districts and teachers can make as many visits as they'd like to select items to use in their classrooms. There is no cost beyond the membership for teachers to take what they need for students. To learn more I urge you to go online <http://www.ruths.org/> and read how your school can benefit from the work of Ruth and her crew. I took many pictures during my visit but I just didn't capture the essence of Ruth's.

MDOE ARTS EDUCATION WEB SITE www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/

Information for the following can be found at the website:

- 1) Nice Canon Power Shot A630 8MP Digital Cameras available to borrow, at no cost
- 2) Portaportal- About 125 links to arts education webpages
- 3) MLR VPA
- 4) Arts Ed Blog
- 5) Speaking of the Blog: New Topic!

During the remainder of the school year art exhibits and music, dance and theater performances are taking place throughout the state. Go to the Blog and post when your school is having an exhibit and/or performance so others can know and attend. Go to the Arts Ed Webpage and click on Blog for directions for posting.